

Most subscribers will read these lines on or after Election Day. We aren't crystal-gazers and lay no claim to clairvoyant powers. But, looking at the record objectively, it seems practically certain that DEWEY will be our next Pres. It is often said these days that if the Republican standard-bearer is elected it will be by reaction, and without any particular enthusiasm. That is probably true, but it is hardly a valid criticism of the

candidate. The electorate's desire to oust the TRUMAN regime is more impelling than any wish to put DEWEY in power. This is normal political behavior. The American voter commonly casts his ballot against a certain candidate rather than for his opponent. This force of reaction, centering upon the HOOVER administration 1st brought Franklin D Roosevelt to power in '32. The people at that time didn't particularly want to elect FDR; they wanted to defeat and discredit the man who was then getting his mail c/o The White House. We may deplore and deprecate this nat'l trait, but there is very little that can be done about

Next wk we shall analyze the probable future trends of our major and minor political parties in the light of election ret'ns.

## MAY WE QUELE

### YOU ON THAT?

Dr Geo Lawton, N Y psychologist: "Never retire if you are working at a job you like, if you have a mental capacity and are earning a living wage."

Rob't P Patterson, former Sec'y of War: "The U S must have a 'work-or-fight' law immediately upon the occurrence of any future nat'l emergency or war." 2-Q

Sen Tom Connally, Tex: "Nations demanding air aid from America must not spend their resources maintaining armies." 3-Q

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Viscount Maurice Samuel, pres, Inst of Philosophy, London: "The arts have become frankly immoral. Crime is entertainment, murder is a parlor game, adultery is taken as a matter of course, compunction and remorse have little place, and religion never enters."

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HARRISON SMITH, Pres, Sat Review of Literature, calling marriage "the worst of all the fantasies in which modern women live": "Today a girl has only a little better than a 50-50 chance of staying married to the same man." 5-Q

Sen Jas P Kem, Mo: "Soon American soldiers will be called to follow the American dollar." 6-Q

Mrs Franklin D ROOSEVELT, U S delegate to the UN, addressing League of Women Physicians of Wuerttemberg-Baden, Germany:

"The words nazism and fascism will forever be looked upon with horror by the free peoples of the world, and Sovietism must not be allowed to fill the vacuum. If a system is good let it be voluntarily adapted by other peoples to their need, not imposed by foreign pressure."

Generalissimo Jos Stalin: "After such a terrible war as the last one, we could not embark on another."

HENRY A WALLACE, Progressive party Presidential candidate: "I happen to believe that my influence in world affairs is going to be greater after the election than it is at the present time." 9-Q

CARLETON SMITH, mgt consultant and director of Nat'l Arts Foundation, urging, after a recent trip to Europe, that the U S Information Service be enlarged: "We ought to explain ourselves, what we are doing and why. It is absurd that the Army has no radio station in Germany."





#### ARMAMENT-1

The '47 World Almanac estimates the population of the world to be 2 billion, 151 million people.

The U S Army and Navy together now have on hand around 12 million tons of ammunition. Measured in lbs these stocks come to 24 billion lbs, or about 11 lbs of ammunition for every human being on earth. The atomic bomb is not included.—Rep HOWARD BUFFET, American Affairs.

#### ATTITUDE-Effect-2

I spilled some lemon on my dress. With faded spots it soon was rife. And that's what sourness does, I guess—it takes the color out of life.—Eleanor Denny, Kansas City Star.

#### BIBLE-3

Voltaire said that in 100 yrs the Bible would be an outmoded and forgotten book, to be found only in museums. When the 100 yrs were up, Voltaire's house was owned and used by the Geneva Bible Society, and recently 92 vol's of Voltaire's works were sold for \$2.—Christian Digest.

#### **BROADMINDEDNESS-4**

Broadmindedness is highmindedness which has been flattened by experience.—Construction Digest.

#### CIVILIZATION-5

Our aim should be, not one civilization, supreme at the cost of others, but as many types flourishing on this earth as possible.—Felix Adles, Our Part in This World. (King's Crown Press)

#### COMMITTEES-Accomplishment-6

Nothing is ever accomplished by a committee unless it consists of 3 mbrs, 1 of whom happens to be sick and another absent.—Partners.

#### COMMUNISM-7

Living under Communism would be like living in burlap underwear: uncomfortable, unsociable, and un-American!—Labor Union.

#### CONVERSATION-8

The perfection of conversation is not to play a regular sonata, but, like the Aeolian harp, to await the inspiration of the passing breeze.—
EDMUND BURKE, English Statesman of 18th century.

#### COURAGE-9

A col in the Red army in occupied Austria with a reputation for cruelty was faced recently by a peasant charged with slandering Stalin.

"I'll have you shot," the col

The trembling peasant spoke of his wife and children and pleaded for his life. The col seemed to soften: "I will pardon you on one condition: You must tell me which one of my eyes is glass."

He stared at the peasant who looked at him unflinchingly. "It's the right eye, sir."

"Bravo!" cried the col. "I'll set you free. But how did you guess?"

"There was no mistaking it," repl'd the peasant simply. "The glass eye was the only one with a trace of pity."—Carrefour. (Paris)

#### DISCIPLINE-10

Words of advice should be inserted into discipline like grace notes in music.—MARCELENE COX, Ladies' Home Jnl.

#### DRINK-Drinking-11

The driver is safer when the roads are dry; the roads are safer when the driver is dry.—Denver Post.

#### DUTY—Pleasure—12

Most of us don't mind doing what we ought to do when it doesn't interfere with our doing what we want to do,—Cincinnati Enquirer.

#### EDUCATION-13

An officer of the American Library Ass'n opines that Americans have only "superficial, gen'l education." Some educator may retort that this is only a "superficial generalization." — Times-Picayune New Orleans States.

#### ENGLAND-Postwar-14

Today, in England, the shops implore the newspapers not to mention what is in their various dep'ts since supplies are limited and uncertain, replacements problematical.

—ALISON SETTLE, "Going Shopping," Lady. (London)

#### **EVASION-15**

An organ grinder whose ancestry derived from Italy took no chances in England, when anti-Fascist feeling was running pretty high. On his hurdy-gurdy he put a sign: "I'm British, and the monkey is from India."—Watchman Examiner.

#### EXPERIENCE-16

Experience is a strenuous teacher. No graduates, no degrees, some survivors.—Detroit News Booster.

#### FAME-17

The playwright, Ferenc Molnar, says half of the anecdotes attributed to him are apocryphal, but laughs this off with a quotation from Tristan Bertrand: "If a story is good, I never protest that I have been misquoted. Every humorist is a Christmas tree on which others hang their own little trimmings. It doesn't hurt a bit."—BENNETT CERE, Boston Globe.

#### FUTURE-Prediction-18

Safest rule for predictions is to be indefinite about the date. Sooner or later almost anything can happen.—Jack H Lowe, Sidney (Neb) Telegraph.

#### GERMANY-Postwar-19

At a dinner party Frau Louisa Schroeder, woman mayor of Berlin, was talking to a Russian gen'l. Frau Schroeder was quite impressed with the food served and remarked on how sad it made her to see it all while so many in the city were starving. The Russian gen'l was aroused at that.

"I just don't understand you Germans," he said. "All you talk about is food. We in Russia only of culture."

To which Frau Schroeder repl'd: "Yes, of course, but people talk most about those things they do not have."—Grace A Elliot.

#### GOSSIP-20

Overheard on a suburban bus: "Of course I wouldn't say anything about her unless I could say something good. And, oh boy, is this good . . ."—Frank R James, Best Yrs.



#### GRATITUDE-21

Hearts can become as rusty at producing the music of gratitude as fingers can at producing music on the piano.—Lenore Mattingly Weber, Extension.

#### Thanksgiving

Give thanks for this, give thanks for that;

Give thanks for your too expensive flat;

Give thanks for your far too costly board;

Give thanks for things you can't afford:

Give thanks for these and those and them;

Give thanks for the parties, Rep and Dem; '

Give thanks for food upon my table,

To pay for which I am unable; For high tuition at school and college

Where my children get so little knowledge.

Give thanks for the soaring cost of living, And give a thank-you for

Thanksgiving.

—Franklin P Adams, New York-

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#### HABIT-23

Bad habits are 5th columnists. They work against us at critical times and thus kill our chances of a better job or a big order or even of winning a sweetheart.—Dr Geo W Crane, Opportunity.

#### HOSPITALITY-24

Asked how she succeeded in always making her guests feel welcome, Elsa Maxwell repl'd:

"Three words suffice. When they arrive, I say, 'At last,' and when they are ready to depart, I say, 'Already?'"—Pittsburgh Post-Gazette.

#### HOUSING-25

Credit for the nation's most aggressive housing program goes unquestionably to Nathan Bloom of Binghamton, N Y. Five min's after he became "mayor," he ordered all schools closed and converted into living space. The project was killed next day. "Mayor" Bloom, 14, went back to school and Mayor Walker Lounsbery, whom Nathan had replaced for a day as "boy mayor," cancelled the order.—Milwaukee Jnl.

#### INGENUITY-26

To prevent hoarding, Shanghai's merchants are permitted to keep

only 3 mo's supply of goods in their shops. With oriental resourcefulness, they hire pushers and pushcarts and keep their surplus circulating about the sts until needed.—Nat'l Canvas Goods Mfrs Review.

#### JUDGMENT-27

A woman was traveling with her child and a maid when a wasp breezed into the carriage and the child cried for it. At last the woman said to the maid, "What is that child crying for? Let him have it."

A few min's later the woman, startled by an awful scream from the child, exclaimed in alarm, "What's the matter?"

The maid calmly repl'd: "He's got it."—Origin unknown.

#### KNOWLEDGE-28

The essence of knowledge is, having it, to apply it; not having it, to confess your ignorance.—Bendix-line, hm, Bendix Aviation Corp'n

#### LANGUAGE-29

Parson Weems, of Grant Wood fame, was taken to task by a dear old lady in his congregation for a grammatical error incurred during one of his fiery sermons. Repl'd he: "Madam, when the English language comes between me and what I want to say—may God help the English language!"—BEN WOLF, Art Digest.

#### LIFE-Enjoyment-30

There are people who know how to live, who can get enjoyment out of the little things along the way. Let 2 men walk down the same road to work each day, and one will complain endlessly of the chore. The other will watch the seasons change, the comings and goings of the birds, and the cloud effects; he will soon have a friendly acquaintance with those things along the way. It is not what we do in life, but how we do it; it is not what there is to see, but how we react to what we observe. Money or lack of it will affect happiness but little, for we will get out of life just what we put into it.-Washington Evening Jnl.

#### MARRIAGE-31

To ask a man to marry you on the ground that it will safeguard and comfort him in later yrs, is to ask him to cut his throat on the ground that he may be down with Bright's disease in 1950.—Geo Jean Nathan, drama critic.

#### MEMORY-32

The public's memory rarely is as long as a congressional investigation.—Butler Collegian.

#### OBJECTIVITY-33

At the age of 9, Bob Feller, star pitcher for the Cleveland Indians, '48 World Series Champions, was asked by his teacher to write a theme about a great oak tree. He wrote about how it could be cut down and made into baseball bats and home plates.—C H BRUBAKER, "The Grass Can Be Greener," Leader Magazine, 10-'48.

#### ORGANIZATION-34

The cost of organization is never so great as the cost of the lack of it.—NEA Jnl.

#### ORIGIN: "Blue Blood"-35

The phrase "blue blood" is used to describe an old aristocratic family. It originated in Spain, where light-complexioned persons, whose veins have a blue appearance, claimed pure descent from the old Spanish stock, without Moorish or Jewish admixture.—WM FORNEY Hovis, Sentinel, hm, Sentinel Printing, Inc.

#### PERSPECTIVE-36

These trying times are the good old days we'll be longing for a few yrs from now.—Erie Magazine, hm, Erie Ry.



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AUTOMOBILE — Appliances: Swinging out of the way when not in use, an auto desk provides a sturdy writing surface and is complete with paper pad and pencil. Attached with one bolt to one of the "knock out" holes found under the dash, desk is handy for salesmen, doctors, shoppers and others who have occasion to jot down notes while driving. (Popular Mechanics)

FLOOR COVERING: An English firm has produced scented floor-coverings to answer objections that ordinary rubber ones have an unpleasant odor. New product is turned out in 22 colors, 6 perfumes. (Financial Post)

HEARING AIDS: Unique new electronic hearing aid has no wires, cords, headband, nothing to wear. Designed for those with slight hearing losses, it magnifies sound 100,000 times. Compact, pocket-size, it is simply held to the ear and "tuned" in whenever hearing "lift" is necessary. (Parade)

KITCHEN—Appliances: Another "tuneful" utensil on the mkt is a whistling vacuum coffee maker. When the water is about to rise into the upper bowl you get "the whistle." Made of porcelain enamel, it has the easy to clean advantages of glass with the durability of metal. (Practical Home Economics)

LIVESTOCK—Feed: Successful fattening of hogs, cattle and poultry on chemically treated sawdust has been reported; product becomes a form of molasses containing 50% sugar. (Horizons, syndicated by Cambridge Assoc's, Boston)

PAINT—Remover: New electric tool removes even heat-resisting paint from wood or metal surfaces. (Family Times)

#### REALITY-37

Laboratory tests show that it takes about 30 tears to make an oz. No one could possibly weep a buck-etful.—Wkly Telegraph. (Sheffield, England)

#### REPUTATON-38

You need to be quite a juggler if you have a reputation to keep up and a reputation to live down.—
ALAN BLAIR, More Bright Brevities.
(F Muller, Ltd)

#### STN\_30

Rep R E ("Peppy") Blount, of the Tex legislature, once proposed a resolution against sin. It went like this:

"Whereas it has come to the att'n of the 50th Legislature that the outside world is polluted and corrupted with sin of every type and character, and whereas, it is a constant threat to the basic fundamentals of society, the home, church and school, and whereas the characters of the 50th Legislature should always be held in high esteem and beyond the approach of those who advocate evil of all kinds; therefore, be it resolved that the House of Representatives go on record as being bitterly opposed to all shapes, forms and types of sin."

The harassed House voted down the Blount resolution. There was quite a stir when the honorable colleagues realized they had gone on record as favoring sin.

"Finally," Peppy recalls happily, "my honorable colleagues expunged the record." — Bill Fay, "Inside Sports," Collier's, 10-16-'48.

#### SPEECH-Speaking-40

Nature has given nearly everyone the necessary parts for building a fine talking machine. You may never become a famous radio personality, but you can brighten your chances for success merely by improving your speech. . .

Proof is offered by a 73-yr-old widow in my neighborhood. She dropped by to ask for assistance. She wanted to nominate a friend as pres of her Garden Club but was so self-conscious about her high-pitched voice that she hesitated to get up and speak. I gave her some speech exercises and checked with her a few wks later.

"Oh, yes, I made the nominating speech," she confided, "but something funny happened. The mbrs were so impressed with my talk that they turned around and elected me pres!"—J LEONARD REINSCH, "Speak to Success," Coronet, 11-'48.

#### THANKSGIVING-41

Our English friends have never been quite certain what Thanks-giving Day is about. Last yr one of them said to me: "As I understand it, on Thanksgiving Day, Americans thank God that they are Americans, and the English thank God that they are not."—Prof A L GOODHART, English Digest. (London)

#### THOUGHT-42

You can lead men to a conference but you cannot make them think.—Arkansas Gazette.

#### Videographs

A teacher in a N J school where television is used in class work told her pupils that those who got the best marks during the wk could see the big football games on Saturdays.

A physician who saw on his television screen an ulcer patient of his munching a hot dog at a baseball game quickly issued warnings that got the fellow back to soft-boiled eggs.

A research organization has estimated that by 1958 there will be 25 million television sets installed. That's about 40% of the number of radios now in use.

A fellow at a bar who suddenly saw on the television screen a puppet dragon quickly switched to plain ginger ale.— Boston Globe.

#### VIEWPOINT-44

Two certain old ladies in a small town were always at swords' points. One accused the other of being light, frivolous, and giddy for her age.

"Maybe so," said the accused one, but remember:

"I am living; you are only living on!"—E M WEGERT.

#### WOMEN-45

You can't help but admire an organization (YWCA) which has made so many women happy when you consider how difficult it is to please one.—Bob Hops, comedian, quoted in Woman's Press.



#### "Don't go away! It's happening here, too!"



It was 431 yrs ago this wk—Oct 31st, 1517—that Martin Luther, agonized by the corruption of the faith in which he was ordained a priest, nailed his 95 theses to the door of his church in Wittenberg. Now, after 4 centuries, is Luther's Protestantism losing its hold on the hearts, the lives, the eternal souls

of our people? To make honest answer, Dr Marcus Bach, some yrs ago, began a study of religions which led to the writing of his 1st book, They Have Found Faith, a discussion of significant but little known religious groups in America. Now, in Report to Protestants (Bobbs-Merrill, \$3.), he continues an acc't of way-faring amongst seekers after Truth, ranging from Old Order Amish to Aimee Semple McPherson leading sinners to salvation on a motorcycle. Still a firm advocate of the ecumenic movement, the author concludes that even within denominational walls, Protestantism possesses a latent power that may yet redeem the world.

Small isolated islands of vital, usable faith jutted up out of the complacent waters of the divided Protestant streams. In a large city church a business exec was addressing laymen about the application of Christian principles in corp'n affairs. He was a Presbyterian who had never read Unity prosperity thoughts in Good Business. A minister in Chicago made regular visits to the city hospitals, leaving with each patient a hand-written affirmation about the therapeutic power of faith. He was not inspired by Mrs Eddy's Key to the Scriptures or Robinson's lessons on the God-Power; he was a mbr of the Congregational-Christian fellowship. A Lutheran pastor announced that mbrs of his congregation had requested him to hold a daily noontime prayer circle, like Buchman's quiet time for tuning in on God.

Major denominations were planning laymen movements designed to provide the individual with working programs for the religious life. A Methodist minister in a univ town had built up church attendance from 400 to 2000 in 4 yrs. He used affirmations in his services and urged his people to come to him for spiritual counsel. Within the democratic Protestant tradition, man was free to seek the highest experience possible of attainment or to fashion his religion into as mundane an adventure as he wished.

Looking further I discovered other manifestations of inherent Protestant strength; men and women were making religion a personal adventure. From Protestant precincts came the scattered votes for the creed that launched the new reformation: the prayer that saves the sinner heals the sick. Said the pres of a Sunday School class: "One

of our teachers was stricken with paralysis. We began systematic prayer for his recovery, putting aside special times for praying. We knew our prayers would be ans'd. They were, and there is no doubt in my mind that God does heal if we really earnestly seek His help."

The testimony of this mbr of the Baptist Church is corroborated by men and women of the Evangelical-Reformed denomination, the Methodists, the Lutherans, the Presbyterians... Protestants experimenting with spiritual techniques had restored a tremendous vitality to their faith. Religion had become the corrective measure for life's manifold ills. But the question of eternal salvation remained the heartbeat of the Christian faith.

Someone should mount the citadel of Church St and cry out to all weary, wondering Protestants: "Don't go away! It's happening here, too!" Tho lost among 200,000 congregations and 80 million church mbrs, these "miracles" supported my contention that an indomitable force lay dormant in Protestant life. No single denomination or group had a monopoly on the spirit of God. No one held an exclusive franchise on the highway that led to all-there-is-to-know about the spiritual quest. There was nothing in the new religious groups, nor in old Catholicism-there was nothing in any religious movement anywhere-which could not be found in Protestantism if a man would but look for it and work to attain it. He could find God on church corners old or new, in cathedral and adobe morada, in gospel hall and tabernacle, in revival tent and in the church-with-the-cross-on-top. He could find God in Protestantism's multiplicity.



The Human Touch

WILL ROGERS, beloved American humorist, who was born 69 yrs ago this wk, on Nov 4th. He began his career as a vaudeville cowboy and soon lassoed his way to fame thru his homespun wit and philosophy. His political comments were tinged with prophecy: in '30, he said, "The Republicans have their splits right after election and the Democrats have theirs just before an election." WILL lost his life in a plane crash in '35.

This sketch is from Effective Selling, hm, Hitchcock Publishing Co.

Will Rogers was close to the people, the great and the humble. He never met a man he didn't like.

He was simple and sincere. "Shucks," he said once. "I was just an old cowhand who had a little luck. Why all this fuss about me?" Yet the people loved him so much that there was even a movement to nominate him for the Presidency. Rogers stopped that by saying that there were already too many comedians in Washington!

Rogers was a master of the human touch. Kings, statesmen and capt's of industry hung on his words and often found shrewd wisdom behind his humor. "A big man will take a joke on himself but you've got to be careful if his see'y is around," he once wrote.

Rogers was once asked how many times he had whirled his rope. "Well," he ans'd, "I roughly calculate that if the lariat were long enough and all the loops I've coaxed out of it could be made into one, it would pretty near circle this globe of ours." Will roped the world with the magic of humor, sincerity, simplicity and the human touch.



# GOOD STORIES.

A group of reporters was swapping yarns in the editor's office early in '44 and the talk drifted to Thanksgiving Day, culminating in an argument as to the date on which it had fallen the previous yr. The editor couldn't find a '43 calendar in his own office so he called to a copy boy who happened

"Boy," he ordered, "go over to Carter's office and find out from his calendar what date Thanksgiving was last yr. Remember, it was last Thurs in Nov."

The copy boy followed instructions and presently was back again, standing in the editor's doorway.

"Well?" said the editor.

to pass the office door.

"I looked at his calendar," said the boy, "but there wasn't no last Thurs in Nov—Nov ended on Tues." —EDGAR HARE, Jr. a

In the footprints on the sands of time some people leave only the marks of a heel.—Atlantic Log.

Will Rogers, invited to a dinner once, and subsequently pressed to speak, submitted to his host a bill for \$5,000. "But you were our guest," his host said.

"I only consider myself a guest," Rogers repl'd, "when my wife is invited also."—EARL WILSON, "Toastmaster Gen'l," Esquire, 10-'48.

Radio comedian Bob Hawk recently asked a girl contestant to define the word "matrimony." Repl'd the girl: "It's one of the united states."

A convention of American nudists have passed a resolution that nudism would help to ensure world peace, because if "armies did not wear clothes it would be impossible for fighters to distinguish their enemies."

It doesn't seem a very helpful suggestion. The committee of a London club took a more practical view when they were requested to set aside a room for nudist mbrs, They agreed. Asked which room they'd allot, they repl'd: "The bathroom."—Answers. (London) c

You Can Use

#### I LAUGHED AT THIS ONE

FRANK BLACK

Musical Director, NBC

I was leading a group of musicians in a concert of favorite tunes when all the lights in the studio suddenly went out. Knowing that the show had to go on, I quickly instructed the orchestra to play The Stars & Stripes Forever—which, with The Star-Spangled Banner, is probably the only piece any orchestra can play at any time without printed music.

There were 10 min's left for the broadcast and the orchestra played the song over and over. Thirty see's before sign-off time, the announcer switched on his mike and said, "Frank Black and the orchestra have played The Stars & Stripes (slight pause, slight chuckle) FOREVER."—Ted Cott, The Victor Book of Musical Fun. (Simon & Schuster)

One ingenious boy, offered a dollar by his parents for each "A" on a report card, explained the situation to the teacher and tried to make an honest business proposition to give her 50¢ of each dollar he collected.—Buford Kracke, Ala School Jnl.

The long-winded lecturer had been holding forth for over an hr, except for brief pauses from time to time to gulp a hasty drink of water. Finally, during one such intermission, an old man in the audience leaned toward his neighbor and announced in a loud whisper: "First time I ever saw a windmill run by water!"—Wall St Jnl. e

The new attendant at the spiritualist circle had formerly been employed in a big drapery shop. The fact came to light when a client requested him to tell the medium she wished to speak to Mr Green.

"Certainly, Madam," said the at-

tendant. "Can you give me his Christian name?"

"I'm afraid I've forgotten it, but he died only a short time ago."

The attendant cleared his throat, approached the medium, and requested

"Please show the lady some of the latest shades of Green."—Healthways. f

One thing sure, when and if the Iron Curtain is ever raised there won't be anybody out in front of it yelling "Author!"— St Louis Post-Dispatch.

The inspector of tenement houses found 4 families living in 1 room. Chalk marks quartered the room for each family.

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"How've you been getting along here?" he asked.

"Pretty good," was the reply, "until the old lady in the far corner began to take in boarders."—Kim Hopkins, *Tracks*, hm, C & O Ry. g

#### The Eyes have it. . .

An experienced optician states that he has learned to judge his clients by the colors of their eyes. He says: Blue eyes denote the incurable optimist and dreamer . . . Brown eyes indicate sincerity and affection . . . Grey eyes are a mark of perseverance and wisdom . . . Black eyes (as supplied by nature, not by errant fists) show ambition for power and a tendency to be witty . . . Hazel eyes are mischievous and accompany a happy active nature . . . Green eyes he associates with talent and a shrewd mind. - Optical News. (Dublin)

This story is making the rounds in Britain:

An agitator was addressing a crowd of workingmen. "Comes the era of the common man," he said, "and you will enjoy the pleasures of the rich. You will walk down Park Lane wearing a top hat . . ."

"Excuse me," interrupted a mbr



of his audience, "but Hi'd rather ave a cloth cap."

". . . or if you prefer it, a cloth cap," went on the speaker. "You'll wear a cutaway coat and pinstripe trousers . . ."

"Excuse me," interposed the interrupter again, "but Hi'm more comfertabul in corduroys."

"Very well, corduroys, if you insist," cont'd the annoyed orator. "And you'll ride to work in a Rolls Royce . . ."

"Excuse me," said the cockney, "but Hi'd rather use me bike."

The agitator left his platform, grabbed the man by the sleeve and shook him roughly. "Listen, you!" he said between his teeth, "comes the era of the common man and you'll do what you are bloody well ordered to do!"—C V R THOMPSON, How to Like an Englishman. (Putnam)

Laziness is a quality that prevents people from getting tired.
—Service Record.

A little boy, not particularly brilliant or beautiful, came home one day delighted to tell his parents that teacher said he was the best in the class.

They were proud and impressed and he basked in their praise until they asked what the class had been doing that afternoon. Said the lad, somewhat reluctantly: "We were practicing opening our mouths wide."

—Woman. (England)

One prisoner to another: "I think it's about time we had a little talk, number to number."

—Canning Trade.

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What little Dom Dallessandro, former Cub outfielder, lacked in stature he made up with aggressiveness and hustle. One hot afternoon the colorful umpire, big Geo Magerkurth, called "Strike 3" on a pitch that Dom thought was a mi too high.

Little Dom came storming back, mad as blazes. The hulking umpire glared down at the sputtering runt and ground out a warning. "Dallessandro," he said, "if you

don't shut up, I'll bite your head off."

"If you do, Magerkurth," Dom shouted, "you'll have more brains in your belly than you have in your head!"—Scholastic Coach. k

If you can't get delivery on your new car, console yourself with the fact, that at least an old car doesn't keep forever reminding you that you need a shine, shave and manicure.—
WM FEATHER, Enos Magazine, hm, Enos Coal Co.

A lady in Minn has sent along meshopping list she found on the floor of mesears, Roebuck outpost there, with the observation that it may be indicative of the degree of prosperity currently being enjoyed by farmers. At any rate, here's the list:

Kitchen curtains
Potato masher
Pot holders
Mink coat
—New Yorker.

Communism: Living on the inStalinment plan.—Pathfinder.

"The time will come," thundered the suffrage orator, "when women will get men's wages."

"Yeah," muttered a little man in a rear seat, "next Sat night."—Good Business. m

If the estranged lover doesn't call, sit by the phone anyway, and win yourself a house on a quiz show. This should bring back any romeo who is a realist.

—Washington Star.

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In a Congregational church they were discussing the proposed merger with the Evangelical & Reformed Church. Someone said that the Evangelical & Reformed people believed in infant damnation. One good lady offered to find out, and she called the Evangelical & Reformed parsonage.

The minister was out on parish calls and his wife ans'd the phone. "I can't answer your question," she said, "but I'll ask my husband and have him call you." Hence, when



In law books, along the highways, everywhere you may roam in this wacky world of ours, you will find hilarious absurdities of all kinds. After collecting them as a hobby for many yrs, DICK HYMAN has now compiled hundreds of them in a recently published book, Of All Fool Things (Duell, Sloan & Pearce). Here are a few from his collection:

A Ky law states that every person must take a bath at least twice a yr.

A Vt law says a woman cannot walk down the st on Sunday unless her husband walks 20 paces behind her with a musket on his shoulder.

A lady residing in Charleston, W Va, makes a practice of keeping straight pins in her mouth at all times. She likes the taste. If they turn sour, she spits them out.

Burnham & Overbake run a bakery in Newark, N J.

O'Neill and Pray manufacture church benches in Chicago.

Humorous and original epitaphs are found on tombstones from coast to coast, to wit:

"Here lies the body of Solomon Pease.

Under the dasies and under the trees.

Pease is not here—only the pod; Pease shelled out; went home to God."

the pastor ret'd, he was met at the door with "Do you believe in infant damnation?"

"What," he sighed resignedly, "has Johnny done now?"—Christian Leader.

Those long skirts that the girls are wearing are fooling some of the camera boys. Chas Banks, Boston Post photographer, followed one recently for 2 blocks before he discovered that it was a Superior Court judge wearing his judicial robes.—A J Ezickson, Popular Photography.



How Long Will the U S Be United?—HARRY JEWELL, Christian Herald, 10-'48.

Take a look at the ever-widening schisms between mgt and labor, between racial and cultural groups, between political parties and gov'ts, even between religious and educational bodies. Notice too the differences even within these groups...

In a day when unity of thinking, of policy, of action, is more important than at any time in our history, we are splitting into hundreds of warring factions, each zealously battling for its own selfish interests.

Is our disunity and confusion not due almost entirely to the fact that we as a nation have lost... our historic standard of unity, and have substituted for it the rule of Personal Opinion—that kind of thought and instinct which, unsupported by any consideration of what is fundamentally and unchangeably right, leads us to decisions based on nothing firmer than what is immediately desirable for selfish gain . . .

If in our diplomatic maneuverings for peace we fail to measure them by the plumb-line of what is basically right for all men, then we are not statesmen but time-servers.

If in our elections we do not seek leadership and do not demand for public office the men who stand for the firm fundamentals of American idealism, but instead seek those who win for our party, regardless of qualifications, then we are no better than ward-heelers.

If in our mgt-labor arbitrations we do not seek settlements based on what is right for each side, not our side merely, then we are contributors to, and not healers of, the dangerous breaches threatening to crack our society wide open.

This is America, where you don't see one single cowboy,

Where you are asked to tea and get everything in the world but tea,

Where to drive to your nextdoor neighbor's is considered quicker than walking,

Where to drive 200 mi's to a half-an-hr lunch is not considered crazy,

Where you have conventions and conventions and not a min to breathe.

Where daylight saving is so democratic and so confusing,

Where everybody can smile and take a joke,

Where one can comment about Americans to Americans.—RITA CHETCUTI, teacher from Malta, in the U S on a scholarship, NEA Jnl.

If in our day-to-day dealings with issues bidding for our allegiance we fail to align our decisions with what is fundamentally right, rather than with what pressures us hardest, then we are not men but manipulated automatons.

Our gov't . . . was founded on the Fundamental Law, that principle of behavior created by God. Enunciated in the Ten Commandments, interpreted in the Sermon on the Mount, and tested again and again in human experience, this Law has proved thru the centuries to be the only rock on which civilization can be built. Only by operating according to its rules can all of life's forces harmonize and function together . . .

Today, everyone talks about democracy. Few mention the Fundamental Law. And so, quite unwittingly, we are defeating the purpose of our gov't. We are laying undue emphasis on freedom of people, rights of people, rule of the people—with a standard of Personal Opinion only. Almost pathologically fearful of "public opinion," our legislators ask anxiously when faced with an issue: "What do the people want? What do the people say?" How long has it been since you've seen or heard of a congressman asking publicly, "What does the Fundamental Law say about this?"

When Gallup supercedes God in the minds of lawmakers, it's time to do some rethinking of this "rule of the people" fallacy. "Rule of the people" depends only on winning a majority-and majorities, with today's propaganda methods, are so easily won! "Rule of the people" cannot repeal any part of the Fundamental Law any more than it can repeal the law of gravity. Rule by Fundamental Law can be had only by getting God on our side-or, more correctly, getting ourselves on His side, that is, using His laws as our guide.

#### As Others See Us

The latest planeload of Czech refugees to reach the American Zone in Germany stepped out of the plane with their hands up. They had been warned, in propaganda campaigns intended to discourage the exodus, that Czech refugees who arrived in the American Zone of occupation were being shot on sight.

Propaganda experts report strange kickbacks in Soviet propaganda in Russia. The Grapes of Wrath was shown to illustrate the poor living conditions in America. But the moviegoers were impressed principally with the final scene in which the Okies are forced to leave. "Look," they concluded, "everybody in America has cars."

Featured also were clips taken from newsreels of the Detroit riots, and the close-ups of men being beaten by police. "Look," said the movie-goers, watching men fall, "look at those fine shoes they're wearing." — Leonard Lyons, Mc-Naught Sundicate.

Prince KARAN SINGH, 16-yr-old son of Sir HARI SINGH, Maharajah of Kashmir: "I think you have a very good form of gov't. Everybody seems to have a chance. You see a man and he is not doing much and then you see him again and he is Pres of the U S."



